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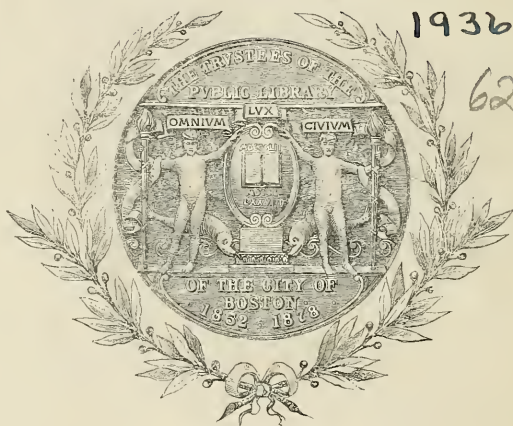
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BOSTON, December 31, 1937.

HON. MAURICE J. TOBIN,
Mayor of Boston.

DEAR SIR,— In accordance with section 15 of chapter 185, Acts of 1875, the Park Commission herewith submits its annual report for the year 1937.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. LONG,
Chairman.

Expenditures for Maintenance, January 1 to December 31, 1937.

PARKS AND GARDENS.

Abraham Lincoln square	\$5 00
Algonquin square	5 00
Alvah Kittredge park	7 50
Andrew Henry square	5 00
Aquarium	25,700 55
Arborway	3,087 52
Arnold Arboretum	4,753 60
Avenue Louis Pasteur	5 00
Berners square	5 00
Blackstone square	841 50
Boston Common Bandstand	1,230 88
Boston Common, Deer Park	1,240 03
Boston Common, Flagstaff Hill	30 33
Boston Common grounds	16,886 60
Boston Common kiosk	345 00
Boston Common, Park Street Station	1,627 83
Boston Common, West Street Station	691 89
Braddock park	145 00
Brighton square	5 50
Bromley park	380 28
Camp Meigs	119 00
Cedar square	20 00
Centervale park	5 00
Central square	94 75
Chestnut Hill park	276 30
City Hall grounds	15 00
City square	5 50
Cleveland circle	145 42
Columbia road	1,598 57
Columbus square	145 42
Commonwealth avenue, extension	4,681 34
Commonwealth avenue, main	7,582 58
Concord square	233 75
Copley square	60 00
Copp's Hill terrace	600 00
Cornelius T. Mahoney square	5 00
Dorchester park	1,526 95
Drohan square	139 00
Eaton square	330 00
Edward M. Cunningham square	69 00
Edward Everett square	9 41
Elm Hill park	5 00
Essex square	60 00
<i>Carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$74,726 00

PARK DEPARTMENT.

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<i>Brought forward</i>	\$74,726 00
Fens	18,630 95
Fern square	15 00
Florida street	66 50
Fort Hill square	226 50
Francis G. Hanlon square	5 00
Francis G. Kane square	5 00
Franklin Park, Administration Building, shops, etc.	40,563 54
Franklin Park, carpenter shop	9,204 26
Franklin Park, Ellicott Cottage	6 00
Franklin Park, golf course	17,170 54
Franklin Park, greenhouse	32,437 28
Franklin Park, grounds	26,781 37
Franklin Park, herb garden	120 00
Franklin Park, Overlook Buildings	162 45
Franklin Park, paint shop	4,263 37
Franklin Park, Refectory Building	3,012 41
Franklin Park, rock garden	67 27
Franklin Park, rose garden	1,659 17
Franklin Park, Schoolmasters' Hill	90 00
Franklin Park, storehouse	37,597 72
Franklin Park, toboggan slides	889 60
Franklin square	844 50
Fred C. W. Olsen square	10 00
General Heath square	3 00
Gordon E. Denton square	5 50
George Wright Golf Course	18,648 20
Greenwood square	5 00
Gustav Emmet square	5 00
Hayes square	134 00
Herbert J. Wolf square	5 00
Highland park	427 50
Horace C. Woodworth square	5 00
Horatio Harris park	321 50
Independence square	673 00
Irving W. Adams park	188 50
Jackson square	60 00
John E. Donovan park	325 80
Lieut. Parker B. Jones square	5 00
Lincoln square	200 00
Linwood park	10 50
Longwood park	130 62
Madison park	1,086 00
Marine Park and Castle Island	7,719 57
Massachusetts avenue	980 51
Maverick square	54 00
Michael J. Brophy park	335 50
Mount Bowdoin green	325 00
<i>Carried forward</i>	\$300,208 13

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$300,208	13
Oak square	5	00
Oakview terrace	5	00
Olmsted park	6,013	36
Orchard park	351	00
Peabody square	9	50
Prescott square	61	53
Public Garden	17,084	47
Putnam square	49	41
Richardson square	306	00
Riverway	7,084	69
Rutland square	274	51
Savin Hill park	455	00
Seaver street	5	00
Soldiers' Monument lot	5	00
Spaulding square	5	00
Statler park	5	00
St. Stephen square	15	50
Strandway	5,784	60
Sullivan square	28	00
Thomas park	600	00
Tremlett square	5	50
Turner square	10	00
Union park	403	78
Victory road, public ground (Carl H. Ahlsen)	2,081	91
Vincent Cutillo park	1,438	19
Walnut park	10	00
Waltham square	26	00
Warren square	10	00
Washington park	938	50
Webster square	52	00
Wellesley park	153	00
West Roxbury Parkway	3,069	12
William B. Corbett park	243	53
Williams square	15	00
Winthrop square	46	50
Wolcott square	5	00
Worcester square	585	00
World War Memorial park	7,368	16
Zoological Garden, animal range	2,382	06
Zoological Garden, antelope house	2,668	56
Zoological Garden, bear dens	2,380	59
Zoological Garden, bird house	13,243	35
Zoological Garden, camel house	8	35
Zoological Garden, elephant house	4,479	40
Zoological Garden, general	27,878	11
Zoological Garden, lion house	2,765	56
Zoological Garden, monkey house	2,876	64
Zoological Garden, service station	695	67
	<u>\$414,195</u>	<u>18</u>

PLAYGROUNDS.

Almont Street Playground	\$2,108 45
American Legion Playground	1,384 31
Arthur F. McLean Playground	169 52
Billings Field Playground	4,189 07
Brookside Avenue Playground	2,216 64
Ceylon Street Playground	493 02
Charlesbank Playground	5,897 93
Charlestown Playground	5,788 95
Charlestown Heights Playground	2,799 20
Cherry Street Playground	760 67
Christopher J. Gibson Playground	2,532 45
Christopher J. Lee Playground	3,028 08
Columbus Park Playground	3,776 81
Fallon Field Playground	3,311 57
Francis Parkman Playground	2,008 61
Franklin Field Playground	11,665 78
Frederick D. Emmons Playground	1,148 77
George H. Walker Playground	2,713 62
James L. Cronin Playground	1,278 70
James F. Healy Playground	2,552 71
Jefferson Playground	2,644 55
John J. Connolly Playground	3,510 82
John A. Doherty Playground	314 57
John F. Holland Playground	2,183 70
John W. Murphy Playground	2,399 83
John H. L. Noyes Playground	2,187 27
J. M. and J. J. Sullivan Playground	722 61
John Winthrop Playground	1,502 96
L. Gertrude Howes Playground	473 38
Lester J. Rotch Playground	919 91
Mary Draper Playground	1,134 46
Mary E. Hemenway Playground	2,875 40
Martin M. Lomasney Playground	802 39
Matthew J. Sweeney Playground	140 11
McConnell Park Playground	4,643 66
McKinney Playground	1,340 45
Mission Hill Playground	2,577 50
Paris Street Playground	276 72
Parker Hill Playground	4,505 06
Portsmouth Street Playground	2,409 83
Prince Street Playground	210 00
Readville Playground	1,571 52
Rev. Fr. Buckley Playground	3 77
Ripley Playground	720 50
Rogers Park Playground	2,660 92
Ronan Park Playground	3,867 40
Smith's Pond Playground	2,481 77

Carried forward \$108,905 92

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$108,905 92
Stanley A. Ringer Playground	3,974 85
Thomas J. Roberts Playground	3,903 48
Tyler Street Playground	6 00
Webster Avenue Playground	1,183 84
West Third Street Playground	951 00
William Amerena Playground	1,840 03
William J. Barry Playground	1,954 21
William E. Carter Playground	2,868 66
William Eustis Playground	2,350 77
William E. Garvey Playground	2,218 04
William F. Smith Playground	2,721 21
Wood Avenue Playground	2,610 43
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	\$135,488 49
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GYMNASIA.

Cabot Street Gymnasium	\$30,337 56
Columbia Road Gymnasium	7,983 69
Curtis Hall Gymnasium	12,551 32
Hyde Park Gymnasium	6,252 15
John J. Williams Gymnasium	9,561 10
Lexington Street Gymnasium	6,663 30
North Bennet Street Gymnasium	21,468 81
Paris Street Gymnasium	16,677 67
Roslindale Gymnasium	5,537 38
Tyler Street Gymnasium	5,656 47
Vine Street Gymnasium	7,321 64
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	\$130,011 09
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BATHS AND BEACHES.

Broadway Municipal Building	\$16,321 54
Columbus Park Beach	14,712 94
Dover Street Bath House and Laundry	58,950 08
Dewey Beach	5,617 56
Freeport Street Beach	4,308 22
Head House, Marine Park	12,202 48
L Street Bath House and Beach	37,868 65
North End Park Beach and Bath	12,476 67
Savin Hill Beach	858 41
Tenean Beach	2,793 14
World War Memorial Park Beach	5,467 36
Repair Room, Sewing Room and Stock Room,	14,802 63
Repair Yard, East Boston	6,661 50
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	\$193,041 18
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Boston Airport, East Boston	\$37,261 06
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GENERAL EXPENSE.

Central Office — Administration	\$72,044 18
Stables	7,598 28
Street trees	13,123 64
Suppression of moths	10,434 14
Miscellaneous	9,087 23
Pensions and annuities	6,741 17
Automobiles, tractors, wagons, etc.	41,708 49
Emergency Relief projects	326,586 55
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	<u>\$487,323 68</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Parks and gardens	\$414,195 18
Playgrounds	135,488 49
Gymnasia	130,011 09
Baths and beaches	193,041 18
Boston Airport, East Boston	37,261 06
General expense	487,323 68
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	<u>\$1,397,320 68</u>

Expenditures of Loan, Revenue and Special Appropriations,
January 1, 1937, to December 31, 1937.

RECREATION.

Animals, birds, etc.	\$517 85
Common and Parks in existence on January 12, 1887, Main- tenance and Improvement of	214,290 16
Franklin Park, Improvements	1,267 06
Airport, Improvements	120,283 14
Park and Playground, Improvements, etc.	886 48
Reconstructing and Repairing Parkways and Roadways by Contract	6,886 82
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	<u>\$344,131 51</u>

CASH RECEIPTS.

For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1937.

PARK DIVISION.

From golf permits and use of lockers at Franklin Park Golf Links	\$15,822 50
From permits, openings, occupations, etc.	342 40
Labor and use of equipment on cross country course	90 00
Commission on telephones	230 99
Settlement of claims and property damage	142 09
Towels, soap, etc., in playground houses	1,564 34
Moth suppression	6,395 00
Rentals, concessions	18,661 84
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<i>Carried forward</i>	\$43,249 16

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$43,249 16	
Miscellaneous.	52 06	
Sale of old materials and equipment	175 00	
Mary P. C. Cummings Estate, income	6,509 25	
French Fund, income	146 23	
Sinking Fund, receipts	13,975 82	
		\$64,107 52

BATH DIVISION.

Towels, soap, etc.	\$35,579 62	
Refreshment concession	25 67	
Commission on telephones	70 17	
		35,675 46
Total		<u>\$99,782 98</u>

Above receipts were credited as follows:

General revenue	\$79,151 68
Department appropriations	6,655 48
Sinking Funds	13,975 82
	<u>\$99,782 98</u>

Report on Municipal Golf Links at Franklin Park, Season of 1937.

Opening Date — April 17, 1937. Closing Date — December 9, 1937.

Registered attendance, 39,089.

Annual permits issued, 1,047 at \$10 each	\$10,470 00
Daily permits issued, 3,608 at \$1 each	3,608 00
Twilight permits issued, 961 at 50 cents each	480 50
Lockers, 418 at \$3 each	1,254 00
Professional's concession	10 00
	<u>\$15,822 50</u>

Skating Attendance Report, 1937.

Name of Playground.	Attendance.
Billings Field Playground	12,000
Charlestown Playground	9,000
Columbus Park Playground	17,000
Dorchester Park	8,000
Fens	19,360
Francis Parkman Playground	3,000
Franklin Field Playground	35,670
George H. Walker Playground	10,400
Jefferson Playground	9,580
John A. Doherty Playground	11,900
John W. Murphy Playground	5,670
<i>Carried forward</i>	141,580

Name of Playground.	Attendance.
<i>Brought forward</i>	141,580
John H. L. Noyes Playground	4,800
Mary Hemenway Playground	7,390
McConnell Park Playground	14,700
McKinney Playground	3,680
World War Memorial Park Playground	17,600
William Amerena Playground	9,340
William J. Barry Playground	3,500
William E. Carter Playground	17,600
William Eustis Playground	11,800
William H. Garvey Playground	9,500
William F. Smith Playground	10,700
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	252,190
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Attendance at Playgrounds, Season of 1937.

Name of Playground.	Attendance.
Almont Street Playground	91,372
Billings Field Playground	166,748
Brookside Avenue Playground	35,420
Ceylon Street Playground	47,426
Charlesbank Playground	36,737
Charlestown Playground }	334,446
Charlestown Heights Playground }	
Cherry Street Playground	54,727
Christopher J. Lee Playground	265,800
Columbus Park Playground }	360,620
Columbus Park Stadium }	
Dorchester Park Playground	30,645
Fallon Field Playground	320,490
Fens Playground	270,400
Francis Parkman Playground	37,600
Franklin Field Playground	930,570
Frederick D. Emmons Playground	34,549
George H. Walker Playground	149,400
James L. Cronin Playground	93,725
James F. Healy Playground	260,435
Jefferson Playground	310,560
John J. Connolly Playground	370,897
John A. Doherty Playground	435,570
John F. Holland Playground	53,700
John W. Murphy Playground	72,360
John H. L. Noyes Playground	48,456
J. M. and J. J. Sullivan Playground	47,800
John Winthrop Playground	72,480
Lester J. Rotch Playground	148,600
Mary Draper Playground	74,700
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<i>Carried forward</i>	5,156,233

Name of Playground.	Attendance.
<i>Brought forward</i>	5,156,233
Mary Hemenway Playground	87,430
Matthew J. Sweeney Playground	36,760
McConnell Park Playground	187,445
McKinney Playground	49,150
Mission Hill Playground	191,480
Portsmouth Street Playground	147,837
Readville Playground	146,000
Ripley Playground	20,400
Rogers Park Playground	236,490
Ronan Park Playground	271,360
Savin Hill Playground	65,890
Smith's Pond Payground	115,560
Stanley Ringer Playground	35,580
Thomas J. Roberts Playground	276,900
Tyler Street Playground	21,560
West Third Street Playground	24,727
World War Memorial Park Playground	239,460
William Amerena Playground	73,200
William J. Barry Playground	119,475
William E. Carter Playground	264,846
William Eustis Playground	280,335
William H. Garvey Playground	275,700
William F. Smith Playground	240,748
	<u>8,564,566</u>

Gymnasia, Class and Individual Attendance, 1937.

GYMNASIUM.	Indi- viduals.	Men.	Boys.	Women.	Girls.	Mothers.	To
Cabot Street.....	519	1,397	2,783	579	620	15	1
Columbia Road.....	3,940	5,006	9,807	5,772	6,115	1,259	31
Curtis Hall.....	537	947	5,279	2,781	2,125	857	11
Hyde Park.....	1,420	3,396	7,685	963	2,315	.....	11
John J. Williams Building.....	.....	2,960	6,597	1,979	1,850	482	11
Lexington Street.....	4,475	2,810	7,709	804	4,845	.....	20
North Bennet Street.....	.....	890	1,785	525	1,050	.....	4
Paris Street.....	4,575	4,640	7,235	2,530	3,940	.....	21
Roslindale.....	595	3,580	14,420	1,467	5,920	.....	21
Tyler Street.....	.....	445	990	171	203	.....	1
Vine Street.....	.....	2,371	13,480	1,625	4,600	.....	21
Totals.....	16,061	28,442	77,770	19,196	33,583	2,613	177

Shower Baths, Attendance, 1937.

	Men.	Boys.	Women.	Girls.	Total.
Broadway Bath House.....	91,700	19,020	38,590	12,810	162,120
Cabot Street Bath House.....	37,830	14,542	7,435	4,095	63,902
Columbia Road Bath House.....	34,025	10,305	1,270	4,145	49,745
Curtis Hall Bath House.....	22,765	7,610	4,040	2,254	36,669
Dover Street Bath House.....	96,530	12,035	45,870	10,875	165,310
Hyde Park Bath House.....	31,927	11,211	3,216	3,212	49,566
J. J. Williams Bath House.....	156,625	10,350	67,950	15,450	250,375
Lexington Street Bath House.....	45,186	34,817	15,408	17,954	113,365
North Bennet Street Bath House...	98,500	29,825	47,215	20,450	195,990
Paris Street Bath House.....	146,905	24,095	64,390	10,755	245,335
Roslindale Bath House.....	41,940	48,230	4,820	12,205	107,195
Tyler Street Bath House.....	59,040	24,860	15,730	9,700	109,330
Vine Street Bath House.....	63,636	25,900	15,288	15,327	120,151
L Street Bath House.....	361,306	121,800	39,919	74,947	597,972
Totals.....	1,287,105	394,600	371,141	214,179	2,267,025

Beaches and Swimming Pools, Attendance, 1937.

	Men.	Boys.	Women.	Girls.	Total.
Cabot Street Pool.....	2,568	4,432	2,052	3,940	12,992
Curtis Hall Pool.....	3,080	6,955	2,834	4,272	17,141
Columbus Park Beach.....	199,075	218,055	133,750	148,105	698,985
Dewey Beach.....	37,694	71,185	40,695	75,820	225,394
Freeport Street Beach.....	28,649	120,125	26,844	99,769	275,387
Head House Beach.....	426,735	292,035	260,500	173,430	1,152,700
North End Park Beach.....	137,400	166,000	112,900	147,700	564,000
Tenean Beach.....	19,547	63,130	28,211	63,671	174,559
World War Memorial Park Beach,	120,740	100,520	41,490	88,295	351,045
L Street Beach.....	385,080	146,120	39,919	74,947	646,066
Totals.....	1,360,568	1,188,557	689,195	879,949	4,118,269

Park Department Statistics to December 31, 1937.

PARKS,	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
MAIN PARK SYSTEM:									
Commonwealth avenue.....	1894-1905..	.....	\$573,656 09	\$573,656 09	112.7 acres	12.1 miles	11.9 miles		
Fens.....	1877-1879..	\$736,854 49	3,095,296 60	3,832,151 09	116.99 "	4.32 "	7.04 "	1.1 miles	22 acres
2 Avenue Louis Pasteur.....	1922.....	.....	.....	.....	3.19 "	0.27 mile	0.50 mile		
† Riverway.....	1883-1890..	457,457 53	788,552 64	1,246,010 17	40 "	1.4 miles	2.8 miles	1.2 "	8 "
‡ Olmsted Park.....	1890-1892..	1,081,947 60	818,579 62	1,900,527 22	180 "	2.7 "	5.8 "	1.6 "	77 "
Arboreway.....	1892.....	245,584 25	462,455 15	708,039 40	36 "	3.4 "	3.2 "	1.4 "	
Arnold Arboretum.....	1882-1895..	79,354 15	462,116 69	541,470 84	223 "	3.4 "	5.65 "	0.5 mile	0.6 acre
West Roxbury Parkway.....	1894.....	135,265 29	175,603 50	310,868 79	65.94 "	1 mile	2 "	0.94 "	
Joyce Kilmer Park.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.53 "				
Franklin Park and Zoological Garden.....	{ 1883-1884 } { 1906-1912 }	1,551,896 63	4,010,831 29	5,562,727 92	527 "	7.91 miles	14.9 "	1.19 miles	7.4 acres
MARINE PARK SYSTEM:									
Columbia road.....	1899.....	447,528 63	557,757 18	1,005,285 81	31.20 "	5.3 "	6.1 "		
Dorchesterway.....	1892-1895..	63,735 54	93,804 34	157,539 88					
Strandway and Columbus Park.....	{ 1890-1892 } { 1897-1901 }	772,515 12	2,764,202 36	3,536,717 48	265.30 "				
Marine Park and Aquarium..	1883.....	232,972 57	1,651,148 91	1,884,121 48	{ 52.5 " land } { 4.9 " flats }	0.6 mile	1.39 "	.....	3.4 "
§ Castle Island.....	1890.....	.....	154,236 51	154,236 51	{ 25.7 " land } { 78.3 " flats }	0.16 "	1.15 "		
* McCONNELL PARK.....	1899-1914..	50,759 33	230,776 12	281,535 45	{ 9.78 " land } { 50.55 " flats }	0.20 "	0.29 mile		

SAVIN HILL PARK.....	1909.....	31,925 53	11,592 45	43,518 00	8.26 "			
* IRVING W. ADAMS PARK...	1919.....	50,000 00	19,513 59	69,513 59	0.78 acre		"	
1 WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.....	1882-1891..	132,800 00	462,527 60	595,327 60	{ 55.6 acres land 155.4 " flats }	0.3 "	2.1 miles	
CHARLESBANK.....	1883.....	373,916 99	374,832 65	748,749 64	22 "	.....	1.5 "	
TRINITY TRIANGLE.....	1885.....	30,000 00	.....	30,000 00	0.12 acre			
CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS, DEWEY BEACH.....	1891.....	50,538 02	179,217 56	229,755 58	{ 6.1 acres land 4.3 " flats }	.....	0.4 mile	
CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND,	1891.....	172,923 31	54,931 93	227,855 24	{ 13.66 " land 3.7 " flats }	.....	0.6 "	
DORCHESTER PARK.....	1891-1903..	64,165 37	32,091 18	96,256 55	31.47 "			
FRANKLIN FIELD.....	1892-1910..	157,341 22	194,228 38	351,569 60	77 "	0.65 "	1.09 miles	
NORTH END BEACH.....	1893.....	328,364 44	459,822 76	788,187 20	{ 3.7 " land 3 " flats }			
* VINCENT CUTILLO PARK, NORTH END.....	1917.....	160,350 00	40,338 95	200,688 95	0.48 acre			
WILLIAM B. CORBETT PARK, DORCHESTER CENTRE.....	1917.....	22,904 86	1,691 37	24,596 23	0.94 "			
COPP'S HILL TERRACE.....	1893.....	90,858 19	55,641 05	146,499 24	0.6 "	.....	0.11 mile	
|| CHESTNUT HILL PARK.....	{ 1898-1899 and 1902 }	210,239 06	34,866 92	245,105 98	55.4 acres	1.44 miles	0.10 "	
CHERRY STREET PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH END.....	1922.....	108,004 78	16,995 22	125,000 00	0.55 acre			
ALMONT STREET PLAY- GROUND, MATAPAN.....	1924.....	11,095 24	44,659 09	55,754 33	17.81 acres	.....	0.04 "	
Carried forward.....	.....	\$7,851,298 16	\$17,821,967 70	\$25,673,265 86	2,293.45 acres	45.15 miles	68.66 miles	118.4 acres

See footnotes on page 19.

Park Department Statistics to December 31, 1937.—Continued.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
<i>Brought forward</i> .....	.....	\$7,851,298 16	\$17,821,967 70	\$25,673,265 86	2,293.45 acres	45.15 miles	68.66 miles	7.93 miles	118.4 acres
PLAYGROUND, MISSION HILL,	1913-1915..	260,733 94	73,277 02	324,010 96	4.24 "	.....	0.21 mile		
* JOHN F. HOLLAND PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	1917.....	13,700 00	29,297 16	42,997 16	1.07 "				
RONAN PARK PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1912-1916..	101,957 78	105,315 92	207,273 70	11.65 "	.....	0.83 "		
* FREDERICK D. EMMONS PLAYGROUND, CHARLES- TOWN.....	1912.....	89,946 47	8,746 53	89,693 00	1.07 "				
PRINCE STREET PLAYGROUND,	{1897-1899 } {1901-1902 }	180,474 70	8,304 61	188,779 31	0.4 acre				
TENEAN BEACH, DORCHESTER,	{1914-1915 } {1928-1933 }	102,140 00	84,668 08	186,808 08	20.01 acres	0.25 mile	0.35 "		
* WILLIAM F. SMITH PLAY- GROUND, NORTH BRIGHTON,	1894.....	22,107 12	30,802 77	52,909 89	14 "				
* WILLIAM H. GARVEY PLAYGROUND, NEPONSET..	1896.....	24,804 39	114,602 23	139,406 62	16.68 "	.....	0.28 "		
BILLINGS FIELD, WEST ROX- BURY.....	1896-1906..	47,068 98	69,147 77	116,216 75	10.83 "	.....	0.23 "		
* CHRISTOPHER J. LEE PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1897.....	.....	128,106 19	128,106 19	5.2 "	.....	0.4 "		
MARY HEMENWAY PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER....	1920.....	29,730 76	69,777 87	99,508 63	4.41 "				

* MARY P. C. CUMMINGS MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND, WOBURN.....	1930.....	.....	.....	.....	234 "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PAUL GORE STREET PLAY- GROUND.....	1913.....	.....	.....	.....	0.74 acre	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
* WILLIAM J. BARRY PLAY- GROUND, CHARLESTOWN...	1897-1923..	202,463 00	116,004 09	318,467 09	{ 4.95 acres land 0.32 acre flats }	.....	0.09 "	.....	.....	.....
* J. M. & J. J. SULLIVAN PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY...	1897.....	14,503 72	11,065 22	25,568 94	0.85 "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER....	1897.....	37,709 58	60,042 75	97,752 33	4.34 acres	.....	0.11 "	.....	.....	.....
* WILLIAM E. CARTER PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	{ 1899-1900 1901-1902 }	327,503 84	62,305 62	389,809 46	5.02 "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
* JAMES L. CRONIN PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER....	1899.....	43,990 09	9,000 00	52,990 09	2.24 "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
* FALLON FIELD PLAY- GROUND, ROSLINDALE.....	{ 1899-1913 1917-1931 }	91,325 11	73,394 57	164,719 68	7.57 "	.....	0.36 "	.....	.....	.....
* JAMES F. HEALY PLAY- GROUND, ROSLINDALE.....	1902.....	25,166 75	39,156 44	64,323 19	9.63 "	.....	0.14 "	.....	.....	.....
* LESTER J. ROTCH PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH END.....	1903.....	256,440 63	27,302 32	283,742 95	2.8 "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
* JOHN J. CONNOLLY PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY..	1903-1905..	.....	100,295 40	100,295 40	5.1 "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
* ROGERS PARK, BRIGHTON..	1899-1931..	45,998 30	49,103 88	95,102 18	8.20 "	.....	0.44 "	.....	.....	.....
CARROLL POND, WEST ROX- BURY.....	1921.....	.....	8,376 75	8,376 75	0.47 acre	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carried forward.....	\$9,760,063 32	\$19,100,060 89	\$28,860,124 21	2,669.24 acres	45.40 miles	72.10 miles	7.93 miles	118.4 acres

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Park Department Statistics to December 31, 1937.—Continued.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
<i>Brought forward</i>.....	.....	\$9,760,063 32	\$19,100,060 89	\$28,860,124 21	2,669.24 acres	45.40 miles	72.10 miles	7.93 miles	118.4 acres
JOHN H. L. NOYES PLAY- GROUND, EAST BOSTON....	1909.....	10,015 00	94,054 52	104,069 52	{ 5.24 acres land 3.07 " flats }				
WEST THIRD STREET PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH BOSTON...	1909.....	10,201 30	4,000 00	14,201 30	0.28 acre				
* MATTHEW J. SWEENEY PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOS- TON.....	1909.....	10,201 30	4,597 40	14,798 70	0.47 "				
WILLIAM EUSTIS PLAY- GROUND.....	1909-1924..	116,220 06	79,971 46	196,191 52	7.6 acres				
JOHN WINTHROP PLAY- GROUND.....	1911.....	20,994 26	38,236 99	59,231 25	1.57 "				
* GEORGE H. WALKER PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER....	1912-1914..	22,011 33	40,406 41	62,417 74	6.21 "	.....	.10 mile		
* STANLEY A. RINGER PARK, ALLSTON.....	1916-1931..	57,090 00	71,092 98	128,182 98	12.38 "	.....	.35 "		
* ARTHUR F. McLEAN PLAY- GROUND, EAST BOSTON....	1917.....	20,754 17	15,489 97	36,244 14	0.43 acre				
PARIS STREET PLAYGROUND..	1912.....	50,630 64	13,083 38	63,714 02	1.27 acres				
TYLER STREET PLAYGROUND,	1912.....	26,239 19	12,203 86	38,443 05	0.26 acre				
* JOHN W. MURPHY PLAY- GROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN...	1912-1919..	26,861 80	66,679 08	93,540 88	4.17 acres				
PORTSMOUTH STREET PLAY- GROUND.....	1912.....	15,000 00	30,547 87	45,547 87	4.29 "				

TOWN MEETING PARK, DORCHESTER.....	1921.....	5,859 00	2,889 53	8,748 53	0.22 acre			
GYMNASIUM SITE, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1921.....	40,000 00	8,500 00	48,500 00	0.36 "			
5 FACTORY HILL PLAYGROUND.....	1912.....		8,837 89	8,837 89	5.2 acres			
6 RIPLEY PLAYGROUND.....	1913.....		13,465 75	13,465 75	0.86 acre			
7 SMITH'S POND PLAYGROUND, 1914-1931..			74,326 47	74,326 47	12.91 acres			
CEYLON STREET PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1923.....	30,116 78	19,017 22	49,134 00	4.03 "			
8 CARL H. AHLSEN PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1916.....				10.35 "	.20 "		
9 JOHN A. DOHERTY PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1897.....		35,939 45	35,939 45	1.47 "			
AMERICAN LEGION PLAYGROUND, CONNOR STREET, EAST BOSTON.....	1924.....	63,300 00	26,768 33	90,068 33	3.38 "			
PLAYGROUND, READVILLE, BULLARD, MILTON AND REGENT STREETS, HYDE PARK.....	1924.....	13,417 34	18,782 66	32,200 00	5.03 "			
JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND, HEATH, FLOYD AND CRAWFORD STREETS, ROXBURY..	1924.....	67,329 80	42,670 20	110,000 00	7.51 "			
FRANCIS PARKMAN PLAYGROUND, WACHUSETT STREET, FOREST HILLS....	1924.....	12,000 00	16,706 32	28,706 32	2.06 "			
Carried forward.....		\$10,378,305 29	\$19,838,328 63	\$30,216,633 92	2,769.86 acres	45.40 miles	72.75 miles	7.93 miles 118.4 acres

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Park Department Statistics to December 31, 1937.—Concluded.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
<i>Brought forward</i> .....	.....	\$10,378,305 29	\$19,838,328 63	\$30,216,633 92	2,769.86 acres	45.40 miles	72.75 miles	7.93 miles	118.4 acres
REV. FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND, BOLTON AND WEST THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1925.....	51,432 00	13,893 00	65,325 00	0.65 acre				
NORTH END PRADO, NORTH END.....	1925.....	107,600 00	22,872 38	130,472 38	0.76 "				
STAYLER PARK, COLUMBUS AVENUE, STUART AND TENNYSON STREETS.....	1925.....	352,200 90	15,918 88	368,119 78	0.25 "				
BROOKSIDE AVENUE PLAYGROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN...	1925.....	11,600 00	17,668 00	29,268 00	1.32 acres				
* WILLIAM AMERENA PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON...	1925.....	37,949 50	39,366 17	77,315 67	4.06 "				
¹⁰ AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON....	{1928-1931 and 1932 }	107,060 45	1,862,177 55	1,969,238 00	370.00 "	.65 mile	.75 mile		
GERTRUDE HOWES PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY.....	1930.....	26,397 40	10,227 28	36,624 68	1.88 "				
* MCKINNEY PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON.....	1930.....	59,950 00	14,931 20	74,881 20	5.94 "				
* ¹¹ THOMAS J. ROBERTS PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1930-1931..	21,360 08	75,881 73	97,241 81	10.40 "		.20 "		
¹² MARTIN M. LOMASNEY PARK, WEST END.....	1930.....	25,000 00	51,477 74	76,477 74	2.57 "				

PLAYGROUND, FOSTER AND COURT STREETS, NORTH END.....	1930.....	3,924 00	4,354 25	8,278 25	0.10 acre			
GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE, HYDE PARK, WEST ROXBURY.....	1930-1931..	146,818 08	348,083 94	494,902 02	158.48 acres			
MARY DRAPER PLAYGROUND, WEST ROXBURY..	1932.....	23,853 80	20,856 07	44,709 87	5.76 "	.02 "	.18 "	
13 PARKER HILL PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY.....	1931.....	.....	19,945 49	19,945 49	11.54 "			
WOOD AVENUE PLAYGROUND, NEAR WESTMINSTER STREET, HYDE PARK.....	1936.....	10,000 00	.....	10,000 00	13.03 "			
SNOW HILL STREET PLAYGROUND, NORTH END.....	1937.....	.....	.....	.....	1.13 "			
CHANDLER'S POND, BRIGHTON,	1937.....	.....	.....	.....	13.4 "			13.0 "
Total.....	.....	\$11,363,451 50	\$22,355,982 31	\$33,719,433 81	3,371.13 acres	46.07 miles	73.88 miles	7.93 miles 113.4 acres

* Named for soldier killed in World War.

† An additional area of 18 acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.

‡ An additional area of 16½ acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.

§ Custody given to the city by Acts of Congress.

|| 49 acres transferred from Water Department; an additional area of 160.65 acres, including water area of 122.7 acres, is under control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.

1 World War Memorial.

2 Acquired by ordinance, chapter 7 of 1922.

3 Transferred from and \$454.15 expended by the Public Grounds Department.

4 25,470 square feet transferred from and \$2,000 expended by the Public Grounds Department.

5 Acquired by annexation of Hyde Park.

6 Acquired by gift.

7 Transferred from Metropolitan Park.

8 Transferred from Street Laying-Out Department.

9 Formerly part of Christopher Gibson Playground, set apart and named November 9, 1920.

10 256 acres leased from Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

11 7.92 acres transferred from School Committee by chapter 229, Acts of 1931.

12 Acquired by section 2, chapter 371, Acts of 1929, and chapter 91 of General Laws; indenture December 11, 1930, under provision of chapter 92, section 87, of General Laws; Act of City Council, approved May 25, 1933.

13 Transferred from Institutions Department by chapter 40, Acts of 1931.

PARK DEPARTMENT — CEMETERY DIVISION.

The following annual report is presented for the Cemetery Division from January 1, 1937, to December 31, 1937:

DEPARTMENT CEMETERIES.

The burying grounds, cemeteries and tombs which are owned by and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows, with a total area of about 7,040,708 square feet:

	Square Feet.	Estab-lished.
<i>Bennington Street</i> , East Boston	157,500	1838
<i>Rainsford Island</i>	43,560	
<i>Bunker Hill</i> , Charlestown	48,202	1807
<i>Phipps Street</i> , Charlestown	76,740	1630
<i>Copp's Hill</i> , Hull street, City	89,015	1659
<i>King's Chapel</i> , Tremont street, City	19,344	1630
<i>Granary</i> , Tremont street, City	82,063	1660
<i>Central</i> , Common, City	60,693	1756
<i>South End South</i> , Washington street, City	64,670	1810
<i>Hawes</i> , Emerson street, South Boston	11,232	1816
<i>Union</i> , East Fifth street, South Boston	5,470	1841
<i>North</i> , Upham's Corner, Dorchester	142,587	1633
<i>Eliot</i> , Eustis street, Roxbury	34,830	1630
<i>South</i> , Dorchester avenue, Dorchester	95,462	1814
<i>Westerly</i> , Centre street, West Roxbury	39,450	1683
<i>Walter Street</i> , West Roxbury	35,100	1711
<i>Evergreen</i> , Commonwealth avenue, Brighton,	604,520	1848
<i>Market Street</i> , Brighton	18,072	1764
<i>Mount Hope</i> , Walk Hill street, 125 acres and square feet	14,330	1851
<i>Fairview</i> , Fairview avenue, Hyde Park, about 50 acres,		1892

CITY TOMBS.

Twenty-five in the South Ground; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Ground; one tomb for infants and one for adults in Copp's Hill Ground; one for adults and one for infants in the Granary Ground; one for infants in King's Chapel Ground; one for infants in the Central Ground; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

Cemetery Division Receipts, January 1 to December 31, 1937.

CEMETERIES.	General Receipts.	Perpetual Care Receipts.	Interest on Perpetual Care.
Mount Hope.....	\$37,415 60	\$7,730 00	\$13,919 34
Fairview.....	13,592 70	3,300 00	3,342 14
Evergreen.....	8,075 60	4,025 00	3,940 54
Dorchester North.....	238 00	25 00	423 09
Dorchester South.....	69 50	.....	140 76
Westerly.....	20 00	.....	193 60
Bennington Street.....	19 50	.....	.....
Granary.....	15 00	.....	100 00
King's Chapel.....	15 00	.....	100 00
Copp's Hill.....	15 00	.....	100 00
Bunker Hill.....	.....	.....	1 00
Central.....	.....	.....	100 00
Phipps Street.....	.....	.....	6 26
	\$59,475 90	\$15,080 00	\$22,366 73

Total, General Fund, December 31, 1936.....	\$1,750,226 55	
Interest, General Fund, 1937.....	70,090 29	
Revenue (General Receipts), 1937.....	59,475 90	
Revenue (on Bond).....	3,422 68	
Discount on Investments purchased.....	83 27	
		\$1,883,298 69
Payments from Fund during 1937:		
To Cemetery Maintenance and Improvements...	\$40,000 00	
To Premiums on Investments purchased.....	7,186 33	
To Interest on Investments purchased.....	780 51	
		47,966 84
		\$1,835,331 85
Total, Perpetual Care Fund, December 31, 1937.....		606,192 24
Total Cemetery Fund.....		<u>\$2,441,524 09</u>

**Summary Statement of Cemetery Activities, January 1 to
December 31, 1937.**

CEMETERIES.	Interments.	Lots Sold.	Graves Sold.	Lots in Perpetual Care.	Graves in Perpetual Care.	Lots in Annual Care.	Graves in Annual Care.	Foundations Built.	Preparing and Planting.	Various Orders.
Mount Hope.....	1,475	180	295	5,160	1,874	8	11	277	75	5
Fairview.....	413	12	231	760	598	.....	1	87	1	.....
Evergreen.....	168	21	82	617	1,607	10	4	75	9	2
Dorchester North.....	10	1	.....	123	.....	4	.....	2	.....	2
Dorchester South.....	4	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Westerly.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennington Street.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Copp's Hill.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Granary.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
King's Chapel.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bunker Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phipps Street.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	2,076	214	608	6,695	4,079	22	16	443	85	9

**Cemetery Division Expenditures for Maintenance, Year Ending
December 31, 1937.**

Office	\$6,962 02
Park Department	817 90
Mount Hope	44,683 87
Fairview	5,383 97
Evergreen	6,524 97
Dorchester North	2,132 63
Dorchester South	540 83
Bennington Street	841 20
Bunker Hill	297 50
Central	6 41
Copp's Hill	841 20
Eliot	489 20
Granary	595 77
Hawes	5 00
King's Chapel	870 62
Phipps Street	348 70
South End South	468 59
Union	5 00

\$71,815 38

Cemetery Division Maintenance and Improvement, Year Ending
December 31, 1937.

Mount Hope	\$25,924 00
Fairview	4,095 50
Evergreen	1,716 00
Dorchester North	1,621 50
Dorchester South	970 00
Bennington Street	896 50
Bunker Hill	540 00
Copps' Hill	956 50
Eliot	381 75
Granary	1,030 00
King's Chapel	946 50
Phipps Street	540 00
South End South	381 75
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